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Reading have been presented to the Governor. (Re: LB 1073, LB 1073A, LB 1092, LB 1106, LB 1160, LB 1174, LB 1178, LB 1232, LB 1234.) And that is all that I have, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: We have a priority motion. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Johanns would move to reconsider the Final Reading vote on LB 1226 yesterday.

PRESIDENT: Senator Johanns, please.

SENATOR JOHANNNS: Mr. President and members, earlier in this session we had a similar situation occur in which we discussed the hazards of a part-time Legislature. Unfortunately, yesterday when the vote was taken on LB 1226 I was unable to be here and so I'll offer this motion for your consideration. There are many good arguments on both sides of this issue, but I think most of the opponents and proponents agree that nothing is going to specifically happen because of this piece of legislation because of the requirement for four other schools within the Big Eight to enact this before it takes effect and the fact that it just won't happen. It just sends a very clear message to the NCAA about how we feel about this situation with the players. I think that one of the things that will happen as a result of this is I don't think the NCAA is going to ever put into a position a situation where the players are going to get either stipends or become employees, but I do feel that in their ultimate wisdom they will find a creative way to address this problem and that's what I'm counting on and for that reason I do ask for your reconsideration of the vote yesterday. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Abboud, Senator McFarland, Senator Hefner. Senator Abboud, please.

SENATOR ABOUD: Yes, Mr. President, colleagues, I rise in opposition to the motion to reconsider. I don't know where the support is at this particular time on the 30 votes that are needed to reconsider this particular proposal. I know yesterday we spent a great deal of time discussing the issue and I felt at that time that it was inappropriate for the Legislature to violate, I felt, the code of amateur collegiate athletics and jeopardize the standing of the University of Nebraska football program with the NCAA. Now in an article that I passed out, provided statements by Dick Schultz, the executive director of the NCAA. Now in that explained to the reporter that he,